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On the 8th December, the wife of EVAN MATTHEWS, of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Tongkai, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 18th December, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Rev. W. H. C. Dunkley, Colonial Chaplain, EDWARD ARTHUR COOK, of Ipoh, son of the late WILLIAM HENRY COOK, London, to MARIAN JANE, second daughter of THOMAS WATSON, Leamington, Spal.

On the 16th December, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, by the Rev. W. H. C. Dunkley, Colonial Chaplain, CHARLES BASIL WHITEHEAD, son of JAMES NICHOLAS WHITEHEAD, of Tongay, Devon, to ELSIE MARY, only daughter of Col. J. A. LITTLE, late Consulting Engineer, Indian Staff Corps.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 27th December, 1901.

ALTHOUGH the Dowager Tze-hi has so far yielded to pressure as to depose her intended successor and *propre* Pu Chun, the process of repentance in the minds of the Emperor's subjects has by no means gone far enough. The assumption of the airs and prerogatives of royalty on the part of this low-born lady would be farcical were they not indicative that there is still mischief in the air. She still clings to her discredited favourites, YUNG LU, LU CHUAN-LIN, and the pretended eunuch, the infamous LI LIEN-YIN. It is no secret that Yung Lu is as accessible to the charms of sycophancy as ever was the departed LI HUNG-CHANG, and there is equally little reason to disbelieve that there is no music so sweet to the Dowager's ears as the clink of silver, and that there is no quarter too degraded for her to accept it thence as a gift. Deprived of Lu, Prince CHANG has been desirous as far as lay in his power of undoing the evil work of his late colleague, but finds it difficult in the face of the Dowager and her confidant Yung Lu: in fact there is every reason to believe that, in the secret councils of the two, the death of the Prince was already determined on; and it was only the personal pluck of Prince CHANG, and the fear of exciting an open revolution, that determined them to permit his return to Peking. His new colleague is a man of a different stamp; through his official life WANG WEN-SHAO has been marked as a man who from a Chinese point of view has been distinctly honest. He did not, when reform was in the wind, pander to the new fad, and has not, now that reactionary methods are in vogue, turned face about.

With all this, WANG is old and the infirmities of age have distinctly told on him, so that he has not the strength or energy to resist what he knows to be inadvisable. In such a case the retention about the person of the Dowager of two such individuals as Yung Lu and LI LIEN-YIN cannot but be productive of evil to the state. The Dowager herself is probably well aware that she has proved a failure, and would be willing to permit herself to fade gradually out of active interference with affairs of state, so long as in outward show her dignity is not assailed; and such seems to be the view of the Emperor himself, who evidently is not in favour of proceeding to extremities. Yung Lu and LI LIEN-YIN, rendered cowardly by the force of that conscience they have for so long repressed, instinctively are doing their best to prevent such a solution of the difficulty, and the Dowager cut off from wholesome advice listens to their flatteries. So affairs, which a few weeks ago were beginning to brighten, are thrown back into their old groove. Fortunately public opinion in China generally is beginning to make itself felt in Peking. The Dowager has frequently attempted to suppress the native Press, but it, more or less supported by the provincial governments, has hitherto shown itself independent of Peking and has not feared to tell disagreeable truths. With a moderation worthy of imitation by the Press in nations pretending to a higher civilisation it has never exceeded the limits of fair and respectful comment; and at the worst of time has been loyal to the Emperor himself, while outspoken with regard to the intrusive government that tried to supersede him. This good work is evidently beginning to bear fruit, but as long as these black sheep block all the avenues of approach comparatively little is to be hoped for. Let us, however, trust that at last the Emperor, feeling himself supported by his subjects generally, will pluck up heart of grace sufficient to clear the precincts of the Palace from the unworthy crowd who during the Regency succeeded in monopolising the right of entrance.

The English Mail of the 23rd November was delivered in London on the 21st instant.

Yesterday H.M.S. *Cressy* and *Pique* left for Mira Bay. The French cruiser *Sigs* and German gunboat *Ilia* proceeded to Canton.

The Association football match yesterday between a H.K.F.C. team and the R.E., ended in a victory for the latter by 2 goals to nil. The game was of a holiday nature.

There will be a competition on Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2.15, in connection with the Hongkong Rifle Association. The highest net scorer is to receive a gold Maltese cross.

The cricket match, *Civilians v. United Services*, which was played on Christmas and Boxing Days, resulted in a meritorious win for the *Civilians* on the first innings, thanks chiefly to the fine play of Mr. A. O. Ward, who scored 132, the first century of the present season in Hongkong. Mr. J. Hooper assisted him very materially and put together 62. For the losers Mr. Francis Hayhurst made 90, and Lieut. Wood 68. The *United Services* scored altogether 261, and the *Civilians* 294. The full score will be published in to-morrow's issue.

H. E. Senhor Conselheiro José d'Assis de Castello-Branco, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Portugal to the Chinese Court, accompanied by H. E. the Governor of Macao, was a passenger on Tuesday by the steamer *Huangshan* from Macao. They were received on board by the Portuguese Consul General, Senhor Conselheiro Romano. His Excellency came over to confer with Senhor I. Batalha de Freitas, Portuguese Chargé d'Affaires in Japan, who is proceeding home by the German mail steamer *Konig Albert*. Their Excellencies Senhores Branco and Horta e Costa returned to Macao by the *Huangshan*. We understand that the Minister and his suite are leaving for Peking by the French mail on the 31st instant.

A very enjoyable concert took place on Christmas Day at the Government Civil Hospital. Among the audience were H. E. the Governor, Lady Gascoigne, Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, Commodore and Mrs. and Miss Powell. The entertainment commenced with a pianoforte duet, "Henry VIII Dances," by Messrs. G. Grimble and A. G. Ward. Mrs. Madie sang "Bonnie Prince Charlie" in her accustomed artistic fashion. Captain J. H. G. Casserly, 22nd B.L., gave a couple of good songs from *San Toy*, namely, "Rheims and the Pagoda" and "I mean to introduce it into China." Mr. W. G. Worcester contributed a recitation and also a comic song, "Sweet Little Lady," which created much amusement and for which he was awarded an encore. Violin selections by Mr. C. H. Dale, R.W.F., added not a little to the attractiveness of the concert. The other artists were Mrs. Budeley, who sang "Violeta," Mrs. D. E. Brown, who rendered Adams' "Noel" and Rogers' "April Weather," and Mr. P. W. Goldring, whose song, "Mary," was very well sung. The concert was brought to a close by the singing of the carols, "God rest you, merry gentlemen," and "The Manger Throne." Lady Gascoigne distributed the presents of the Christmas tree after the entertainment.

The Chinese Imperial Court arrived at Chihshien, Honan, on the afternoon of the 18th inst. from Weihuifu, and was to pass the night there.

A contract was signed at Seoul on the 14th inst. between France and Corea, regarding the conveyance of mail matters between Corea and French colonies.

A Tientsin telegram to Japan, dated the 12th December, says:—The Russian Minister has given a piece of advice to Prince Ching to the effect that foreign Powers should be kept from interfering with the domestic politics of China; alluding thus to the activity of the Japanese, British, and the U.S. Ministers. The Russian Minister keeps close communication with Yung Lu.

A captain of a Japanese ship which arrived at Moji on the 16th inst. from Tientsin informed a representative of the *Asahi* that the weather at Tientsin was now intensely cold. There were sixteen Russian war vessels in the harbour. The waterworks and the installation of the electric light were completed, and of the three breakwaters now under construction the central one was almost finished. Many European houses were being built, and the town appeared very prosperous.

On the 7th inst. some foreign residents of Kinkiang, the members of the Methodist Central China Mission, and many native friends gathered together at the formal opening of the Elizabeth Skelton Danforth Memorial Hospital. Drs. Stone and Kuhn, the two Chinese women graduates from Ann Arbor Medical College, are the physicians in charge. There were present a number of Chinese, including the choulai, tacot, prefect, assistant prefect, and magistrate, with a large retinue. Bishop Moore presided, formally opening the hospital. There was an address by Mr. Cleland, British Consul at Kinkiang, and a fitting response from Dr. Stuart, American Vice-Consul of Kinkiang.

The British Masters' and Mates' Association at Singapore on the 13th inst. drew up the following table of rates, as being in their opinion, quite reasonable:—

	Masters	Mates	2nd Mates
For vessels of 1,000 tons and over	£300	\$190	\$135
For vessels of 400 to 1,000 tons	285	175	130
For vessels of 150 to 400 tons	225	175	130
For vessels under 150 tons	200	175	130

It was unanimously decided to ask the Ship-owners to increase the rates according to the foregoing table and to make such increases date from the 1st prox.

The *Universal Gazette's* correspondent, writing from Amoy, says that the revenue derived from Customs duties, land tax, etc., in Formosa was under Tls. 4,000,000 per annum when that island was under the control of the Chinese Government, but since the island has become Japanese territory and under Japanese jurisdiction, the same sources of revenue yield more than Tls. 40,000,000 yearly. With reference to Formosa, the *Shen Pao* suggests that Japan should allow China to appoint a Consul to the island to govern the Chinese, especially those who go there from the mainland. If they would, says the Northern native journal, then peace would once more reign in the island.

The *China Times* recently, referring to a statement in the Saigon paper *Le Moming* that the two persons who have been unjustly robbed of their credit in regard to the operations in China are Lieutenant Prunaud and Colonel Marchand, the former controlling the railway for the transport of troops and the latter maintaining peace between the various sections of the international forces, remarked:—"This is all nonsense. When these gentlemen appeared on the scene the work had been accomplished, and nothing would have been lost if they had stayed away. Mr. Marchand did not go up North until two months after the completion of Peking by the Allies, and though he is a very estimable gentleman and satisfactorily performed his duties as chief of the French staff, it is ridiculous to pretend, as our contemporary does, that he had all friction between the international forces." Colonel Marchand then wrote to the *China Times* demanding the publication of his letter, which was severely condemnatory, without alteration, under penalty of a visit to the British Consulate and an action for damages. The *China Times* refused to publish the letter and told the Colonel to "go to the Consulate or wherever else he liked."

The N.C. Daily News among its "Notes on Native Affairs" says:—The report that the Empress Dowager has the intention of appointing Pu Lun, Prince of the 4th Order, as Her Apparent upon her arrival at Peking would appear to be premature, and as a matter of fact so contrary to the usual policy of that shrewd and strong-minded old lady that the very announcement would seem to contradict itself. In other words, Prince Pu Lun is twenty-seven years old, having been born in 1874; and as the Empress Dowager's ambition is to get hold of some youthful member of the Imperial Clan—the younger the better—having no intention yet of relinquishing what she has, it seems improbable that she would even dream of putting one who has attained the age of manhood, possessing independence of mind and holding opinions of his own, in a position which could easily interfere with her own policy and work destruction to the party supporting her if such an Her Apparent had the desire to do so. It is true that Prince Pu Lun, as the first claimant of his name designates, belongs to a junior branch to that of either the present Emperor or the late Emperor Tung Chih, who is in want of an heir, but "circumstances alter cases" and the circumstance of Pu Lun's age must alter his case in the opinion of the Empress Dowager.

An omnibus service has been inaugurated by an enterprising Japanese at Yokohama.

On the 18th inst. the Osaka Club Hotel caught fire and the foreign side was totally destroyed.

A Straits-born Chinaman has been appointed Siamese and Malay interpreter to H.B.M. Legation at Bangkok.

Mr. E. G. Hillier, Manager at Peking of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who has been appointed British Representative on the Commission for the arrangement of the payment of the indemnity, is expected at Shanghai immediately.

Although the Court of Enquiry condemned Admiral Schley on eleven points, it appears that Admiral Dewey expressed his "minority opinion" that Admiral Schley was in absolute command during the fight at Santiago Bay, and is entitled to the full credit of a glorious victory.

A Madrid telegram, dated the 11th December, says:—The sentence on Mrs. Rosa, the accused in the "piano case," has been reduced to two months on appeal to the Sessions Court. The accused's advocate is taking the case up on revision to the Court of the Judicial Commission.

M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the French Premier, in the course of the debate last month on the new Loan Bill, declared that the French Protectorate in the Far East was the guarantee of the rights of Europe. It is unfortunate that this "protectorate" should occasionally lead to unnecessary troubles for Europe, whose rights it guarantees.

The retiring Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg will be succeeded by Mr. Kurino, at present Japanese Minister in Paris. Mr. Kurino, who was educated in America, entered the Japanese diplomatic service some 25 years ago and has been Minister in Washington, Rome, and Paris. He is expected to enter upon his new duties about the middle of January.

The court of enquiry formed to investigate the cause of the premature explosion of a cartridge during gun practice recently on the battleship *Royal Sovereign* ascertained without doubt that the breech-screw of the gun was by some means prematurely swung to before the operation was concluded of inserting the safe arrangement, which should prevent such an accident occurring when inserting a new striker. This was being done on the occasion of the recent accident, owing to a mistake.

The *Paris Temps* speaks of the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty as a triumph for the American Senate and as economically an excellent solution, but it decries the social or selfish interests of the Pacific Railway companies behind the Chauvinist pretensions of America, Imperialists. The *Débats* does not blame England, considering the vulnerability of Canada, for giving way rather than provoking a conflict, but notes the fact that constant concessions are the price of peace with America. It suggests that the report in favour of the Nicaragua route may simply be designed to lessen the cost of buying up Panama.

A Washington telegram of the 6th inst. says:—New measures directed against anarchists have been introduced into the Senate. It was declared that international courtesy demanded that the United States should enforce laws preventing the formation of plots in the United States against foreign rulers. Senator Hoar proposed that punishment be inflicted for insulting the President or Vice-President of the United States and also the heads of foreign Governments, and demanded a further punishment of twenty years' imprisonment for persons instigating to murder reigning sovereigns and heads of Governments.

Prince Orsini, who is the owner of the beautiful Lake Nemi, near Rome, has facilitated in every possible way the efforts of the Italian Government to raise the two galleys of Caligula which were sunk A.D. 41 off the shores of this lovely sheet of water. Sufficient has been recovered at present to disclose the astounding fact that the vessels in question measure respectively 225ft. and 237ft. in length by 60ft. and 75ft. in width. Their decks were evidently covered with splendid mosaics, and already an immense number of magnificent bronze objects, among them a beautiful head of Medusa, are to be seen at the Prince's villa, where eventually a museum is to be organised of objects in connection with the sunken galleys.

H.M.S. *Neptune*, which is now to be broken up, was built by Samuda Brothers, Millwall, as the *Independencia*, for the Brazilian Government, and she either broke or strained her back in launching, which nearly ruined the builders. The Brazilian Government refused to contribute towards the expenses arising out of the accident, but fortunately for the builders, Great Britain was plunged in a great political crisis before the ship left the builders' yard, and under the right of pre-emption, she was purchased by the British Government out of Mr. Dilke's famous six millions in 1878. Just then an old two-decker, named the *Neptune*, had been sold to the shipbreakers, and on the *Independencia* proceeding to Portsmouth to be fitted out she took the two-decker's name. The new *Neptune* was splendidly finished; indeed, too much so, according to Dockyard ideas, and the linker went speedily to work. The Admiralty decided to re-arm the vessel, and taking out the Whitworth guns which fired a hexagonal shot they fitted her with the 35-ton Woolwich infant of the day. The *Neptune* did good service for a number of years, and was by no means a bad investment.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, 26th December, 4.10 p.m.

MANCHURIAN CONVENTION—CHINA MAKES A STAND.

A Peking telegram reports that the Chinese plenipotentiaries object to four terms of the Manchurian Convention. Firstly, they cannot accept Russia's demands for the exclusive training of the Chinese troops, the limitation of the numbers of the Chinese garrison of Manchuria, and the appointment of a Russian commander. Secondly, they state that Russia must evacuate Manchuria before three years' time. Thirdly, China cannot agree not to open any mines in Manchuria without Russian consent and partnership, or to employ solely Russian capital. Fourthly, if Russia returns the Newchwang railway to China, the latter cannot agree not to open branches without Russian consent and partnership, or to employ solely Russian capital.

AN ANSWER REQUESTED.

The plenipotentiaries state that they will forthwith discuss the other terms of the Convention, and in the meanwhile they beg Mr. Dessar, the Russian Minister at Peking, to give them an answer on the above four points.

GENERAL NEWS.

SHANGHAI, 26th December, 4.10 p.m.

ACCIDENT TO NORTHERN

FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes mail steamer *Tarra* has been delayed by grounding on the flats here, but has been floated off uninjured with a very high tide.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 23rd December.

BOERS RESOLVED TO CONTINUE WAR.

The correspondent of the *Daily News* at Volksrust, Transvaal, states that the Boers are apparently resolved to continue the war. The real object of the recent meetings was to make plans for the summer campaign.

NEW AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT FOR THE CAPE.

The Federal Government has decided to send a contingent of one thousand men to the Cape.

LONDON, 23rd December.

SOUTH AFRICA—SEVERE FIGHTING.

Lord Kitchener reports that two hundred of Colonel Spens's troops whilst engaged in searching farms at Begardaryn, Transvaal, in parties were attacked by 300 Boers who overwhelmed a portion of the force. Our casualties, which were severe, include Major Damant of Damant's Horse, dangerously wounded. In a fight which took place at Tufekop, Orange River Colony, on the 20th instant, two officers and twenty men were killed, four officers and seventeen men wounded. Colonel Rimington, arriving on the scene, pursued the enemy, who left six dead and admit having buried twenty-seven.

Commandant Muller in an attack on Colonel Part in the Colstroom district, was repulsed, leaving eight killed and three wounded. Our casualties were 31 including six officers wounded.

Commandant De Wet with 800 Boers attacked General Durnell in the Bethlehem, Orange River Colony, district. The fight lasted for several hours, during which time the enemy charged to within 150 yards of our lines, but were repulsed, losing twenty men. Our casualties were thirteen.

LONDON, 24th December.

GRAND DUKE OF HESSE DIVORCED.

The divorce of the Grand Duke Ernest Louis of Hesse from his wife, Princess Victoria Melita of Coburg, has been pronounced on the ground of absolute incompatibility.

SOUTH AFRICA—FURTHER FIGHTING.

General Mackenzie attacked a Boer laager in the Carolina district, Southern Transvaal, at dawn on the 19th instant, killing six of the enemy and capturing sixteen.

The following is from an American "Society" paper:—"Lady Curzon of Kedleston is the best dressed woman in the East, about the only one of any conversational ability in the whole of Hindoo land, and the landlady who has ever ruled at Government House, Calcutta. That she must be terribly bored by the Anglo-Indian element goes without saying, for they are one and all, uninteresting to the last degree. All the matrons and maids of Simla are deadly jealous of her, since she takes the wind out of their sails. She is a highbred, the real British lady can only equal Anglo-Indian and Hindoo. Lady Curzon is well known for her knowledge of English literature, beyond knowing how to drink whiskey and say 'Damn' are singularly ignorant."

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

THE PRIVATE COOLIES COMMISSION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

6, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong, 24th December.

SIR,—I shall feel obliged if you will publish the enclosed correspondence in your columns for the information of numerous enquirers who have asked me what is to be the outcome of the Commission appointed to enquire into and report on the question of the existing difficulty of procuring and retaining reliable chair and jinricksha coolies for private chairs and jinrickshas.—Yours, etc., R. CHATTERTON WILCOX.

[Enclosures.]

6, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong, 18th December, 1901.

SIR,—In connection with the Commission to enquire into the question of private chair and jinricksha coolies, on which I had the honour to sit, I beg respectfully to ask whether any action is contemplated in the direction of carrying out the recommendations contained in the report.

I am moved to make this enquiry in consequence of repeated and anxious enquiries that have been addressed to me as to what it is intended to give effect to the Commission's suggestions. The present time is also regarded as most opportune for making trial of the legislation suggested, inasmuch as any temporary strike by the coolies would cause comparatively small inconvenience during the cool weather.

Opinion seems still more unanimous in favour of registration so far as I can gather, since the Report of the Commission was published, influenced no doubt to some extent by the result of the enquiry, and partly by the evils complained of having become further accentuated. An influential resident, who had been paying his chair coolies \$10 per month, told me the other day that he had been compelled to dismiss them because they were so troublesome, and that he intended, though living on a high level, to do without coolies during the cool weather. Another resident informed me that although he paid good wages and used the coolies sparingly, they had left him suddenly because they had too much work, said work consisting of carrying the chair on an average three or four times a day.

Some relief from the present unsatisfactory state of things is anxiously looked for by the majority of the residents and generally considered most desirable, and I trust His Excellency the Governor will see his way to sanction the introduction of legislation, which I feel confident would go far to provide a remedy.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, (Sd.) R. CHATTERTON WILCOX. Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

Colonial Secretary's Office, 18th December, 1901.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I am directed to inform you that the Government is giving its careful consideration to the Report of the Commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor to enquire into matters concerning private chair coolies.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary. R. C. Wilcox, Esq.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council will be held to-day, Friday, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS.

1. Financial minutes. (Nos. 71 to 73).
2. Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 15).
3. Motion as to Ordinance No. 40 of 1899.—Whereas by section 5 of the Summoning of Chinese Ordinances, 1899 (No. 40 of 1899), it was enacted that no ordinance should be made in operation for the period of two years from the coming into operation of the said Ordinance, and for such further period or periods as might from time to time be determined by Resolution of the Legislative Council: It is hereby resolved by this Council that the Summoning of Chinese Ordinances, 1899, shall be continued in operation for the further period of three months from the 30th day of December, 1901 (January).

ORDINANCES OF THE DAY.

1. Second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1896.
2. Third reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to further amend the Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1899.
R. F. JOHNSTON, Acting Clerk of Councils.

N.B.—A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the Council.

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 26th December.

BEFORE MR. E. A. HAZELAND (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR.

Owen Griffiths, seaman on the s.s. *Empress of China*, was convicted on a charge of having on Christmas Day been drunk and incapable in Connaught Road, and was sent to prison for eight days. A first-class petty officer, on H.M.S. *Bramble*, was fined \$10 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment for having assaulted a Chinaman at Hongkong and damaged certain property to the extent of \$1.50. He was also ordered to pay compensation to the amount mentioned, failing which the Magistrate sentenced him to be imprisoned for two days extra. Ambrose Smith, A.R. seaman, H.M.S. *Glory*, was convicted of having behaved in a disorderly manner while drunk in Queen's Road Central and damaged a private ricksha to the extent of \$1. On the first count he was ordered to pay a fine of \$2 with the option of eight days' imprisonment, and on the second to make good the damage done or suffer other two days' incarceration.

CRUELTY.

Kwok Sam, a coolie, was fined \$80 with the alternative of two months' imprisonment for having been found in unlawful possession of two tins of prepared opium, two tins and nine mace of raw opium and ten tins of opium discs.

NORTHERN NOTES.

The following items are from the P. & T. Times of the 14th inst.:

Peking telegrams give the 3rd and 4th of the eleventh moon (yesterday and to-day) as the probable dates of the Court's departure for Peking. There is much scepticism in the Legations as to the arrival before the Spring.

The work of the great cuttings in the Hai-ho improvement scheme is two-thirds finished, as far as the excavations go. An attempt will probably be made to open the new channels during the winter, so as not to interfere with the Spring navigation.

Four dull, foggy, and depressing days in sequence, with a cold dank atmosphere, is a phenomenon all but unknown in Peking. The ice which was apparently well set for the season has suffered considerably. "Skating is, however, still possible, although not so good as before."

We heard the other day from a friend of Captain Bentley, R.N., D.S.O., the gallant young Commander who so distinguished himself, with the *Barclay* in the siege of Tientsin, that he has at last had his wounded arm amputated. Happily Captain Bentley has now reached such rank that this serious misfortune will in no way interfere with his prospects in the Service he so greatly admires. We also hear that though he has lost an arm, he has gained a wife.

There has been a marked improvement in the tides at Taku during the week and steamers are getting in and out, though the removal of the buoys, &c., renders it a more tedious and risky business than usual. Monday last saw thirty steamers still outside, but things are much better now. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have dispatched four of their fastest vessels with full cargoes, and have to get another eight away within a day or two. Yesterday's tide was 11 feet.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

F. W. S. R. R. R. R. R.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Calcutta, 7th December.

MORE VOLUNTEERS INVITED.

An *Englishman* special cable says that, with a view to providing reinforcements for South Africa, Government has decided to make a further enlistment of volunteers for active service. A movement is on foot to raise a new force of volunteers to replace those who returned from the front a year ago. The force when raised will consist of about five thousand men. It is considered that this reinforcement will set free a large number of efficient veterans who are now employed in guarding communications.

London, 8th December.

OTHER REINFORCEMENTS.

Various drafts called for the Cape yesterday, including 100 Hospital orderlies who will be followed by 800 in the next two months in order to cope with the winter season.

S. W. S. R. R. R. R. R.

SCOTSWOMEN FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

The Marquis of Fonthill is developing a scheme for the immigration of Scotswomen to the Transvaal.

London, 9th December.

HOBHOUSE & KITCHENER AND MILNER.

Miss Hobhouse, whom the Cape town authorities compelled to remain on a hospital ship, is suing Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner for false imprisonment and assault. The action is causing some amusement as it is so egregiously a party move.

S. W. S. R. R. R. R. R.

CAVALRY INCREASE.

The *Daily Express* states it has been decided to send ten thousand horses and an establishment for the use of the Cavalry and Mounted Infantry, and also retain the provisional Cavalry regiments after the war, thus considerably increasing the Cavalry strength.

Calcutta, 9th December.

THE WAR AND THE PARTISANS.

An *Indian Daily News* message says that at a large meeting of the Liberal Federation a resolution was passed condemning the manner in which the war is being pursued and demanding the appointment of a Special Commissioner to negotiate terms of peace with the Boers.

S. W. S. R. R. R. R. R.

RECENT CASUALTIES.

The following casualties are reported from South Africa:—4th November: dangerously wounded, Lieut. Pennington, South African Constabulary. 5th November: died of wounds, 1st Lieutenant Martin, 2nd Yorkshire Light Infantry. November 13: Died of enteric, Lieut. Duffhill, Ulster Volunteer Rifles. November 22: slightly wounded, 2nd Lieutenant Nash, 1st Leicestershire Regiment. November 27: severely wounded, Captain Eastwood, 1st Dragon Guards. December 1st: died of dysentery, 2nd Lieutenant Staines, 1st East Lancashire. Slightly wounded, Lieutenant Boland, Queenslanders; died of enteric, Captain North, 2nd Manchester. December 2nd: died of enteric, Major Fife, 1st Gloucestershire.

London, 10th December.

A WEEK'S WORK.

Lord Kitchener, in a despatch dated the 9th, says that since the 2nd 48 Boers have been killed and wounded and 387 taken prisoners and surrendered. The extension of the blockhouse permitted for the first time the conduct of systematic and continuous operations in the vicinity of Ermelo, Bethel, and Carolina.

S. W. S. R. R. R. R. R.

BOER LEADER WOUNDED.

Commandant Maritz has been severely wounded in an unsuccessful attack on Tontel, back fort in the extreme west of Cape Colony.

S. W. S. R. R. R. R. R.

THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME DELAYED.

Developments have arisen which are causing the scheme for raising 5,000 volunteers in London for service at the front to be held in abeyance. The chief difficulty which is being experienced by the War Office authorities relates to the question of the payment of recruits who are hanging back at the present rate offered. Unless this obstacle can be overcome there is reason to fear the project may collapse.

FIGHTING IN NIGERIA.

One column of the expedition against the warlike tribe Aro in Nigeria encountered sharp resistance on the 2nd instant, and had seventeen casualties. Captain II was wounded.

EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The Eastern Telegraph Company dined Mr. Denison and Sir James Pender last night. Mr. Brodick and Lord Hardwicke were present. Lord Hardwicke said the Government of India was determined to secure the reduction in rates to India.

GERMANY AND POLAND.

The severe treatment of Polish school children at Werschen in East Prussia and the imprisonment of parents who protested has led to riotous demonstrations outside the German Consulates at Warsaw and Lemberg. The windows were broken and the consulates at Warsaw dragged in the mud. The authorities subsequently replaced it and apologized.

STRIKES IN AUSTRALIA.

The Sydney Parliament has passed the Industrial Arbitration Bill compelling reference of labour disputes to special courts and punishing with fine and imprisonment strikes and lock-outs before or pending such reference.

THE SOUDAN.

The Khedive left Khartoum for Cairo and expressed his pleasure at finding the country more advanced than he imagined.

DISTURBANCES IN TRIPOLI.

Six Arabs and two Turkish soldiers were killed and many wounded in a conflict between the troops and population near Tripoli, where a state of siege has been proclaimed.

TRADE RETURNS.

The British imports for November show a decrease of £2,233,177 due to miscellaneous causes, and exports a decrease of £1,882,213 owing to a decrease in the quantity and price of coal.

TRUSTS IN AMERICA.

The position of the Amalgamated Copper Trust, which is the earliest of the huge American trusts, is causing much concern and the New York Stock Market is agitated. The depreciation in copper shares in the last ten days is estimated at four millions sterling. The decline is largely due to manipulation of powerful adverse interests.

THE BANK ROBBERIES.

Gouldie and others connected with the Bank of Liverpool robberies were brought up at Bow Street. The prosecution showed that Gouldie most cleverly forged huge cheque amounts to his co-conspirators, who were bookmakers and whom he trusted blindly, and obtained practically nothing himself.

THE QUEEN OF HOLLAND.

An *Indian Daily News* message says: "The publication in the English press of Renter's statements regarding serious differences between Queen Wilhelmina and her husband has created great indignation in Holland. Categorical official denials have been made of all the statements of Renter and were asked to believe there was no quarrel, no hint, no duels. The Dutch Court is furious and pro-Boerism is rampant at the Hague."

"OCEANIA'S" CUSTOMS BILL CASE.

With regard to the writ issued against the captain of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer *Oceania* for breach of Australian Customs bill, the Supreme Court at Melbourne has given judgment adverse to the *Oceania*, holding that Parliament is empowered by its constitution to make it an offence if any vessel enters an Australian port with broken sails, no matter where broken.

ARMY HONOURS.

The following appear in today's *Gazette*:—Major Grierson, Royal Artillery, to be Companion of the Bath; Major Gould-Adams, companion of St. Michael and St. George, Lieutenant Loch and Colvin, Royal Engineers, and Captain Holmes, Indian Staff Corps, and Herbert Williams, Indian Medical Service, to the Distinguished Service Order.

THE SUGAR CONFERENCE.

The British delegates at the Sugar Conference include Sir Edmund Philips, Minister at Brussels, and representatives from the Foreign, Colonial and India Offices. The experts advisers include Sir Neville Lubbock and Mr. Martineau.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE FOOTBALL.

In the Inter-University football match Oxford won by a goal and a try to Cambridge's nil.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Senator Lodge in a speech in the Senate at Washington declared that the result of the New Canal Treaty was that Britain had transferred to America the entire management of the Canal, both in peace and in war, with the right of fortification.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich*, carrying the German mail with dates from Berlin of the 24th ult., left Singapore on the 25th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 30th inst., a.m.

THE C.F.R. STEAMER EMERGENCY TON.

The C.F.R. steamer *Emergency Tonn* arrived at Kobe on the 24th inst. at 3.30 p.m., and left at noon same day for Yokohama, where she was due to arrive on the 28th inst., at noon.

THE P. & O. STEAMER SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., at 4 p.m.

THE STEAMER LIGHTNING.

The steamer *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 23rd inst.

A CLOTH-BOUND COOKERY BOOK.

A CLOTH-BOUND COOKERY BOOK, containing 150 original recipes for all kinds of savouries, invalid cookery, and sweets, is sent free to all who post their LEMCO Extract jar wrapper, to Lister's Extract of Meat Company, Limited, 9, Fenchurch Avenue, London.

[1821-8]

A LIGION OF MURDER.

This is the title given by the writer of an article in a recent issue of the *Quarterly Review* on the Thugs, which is mainly based on Sir William Sleeman's reports and books on the subject. The writer describes "Thugges" as the only religion that preaches murder, an ancient and once powerful religion, as well as a healthy custom. No Thug ever doubted the divine origin of the faith, and he regarded the persons murdered as victims offered in sacrifice to the Goddess Kali, the patroness of the Thugs.

She, it was believed, laid down certain rules which no Thug would break. One was that before starting on an expedition, those concerned in it should all meet to consecrate the sacred pickaxe (originally one of the teeth of the Goddess), to cross her aid, and to eat the sacred food, or *sagar*. An oath on the pickaxe was peculiarly sacred, and any breach of it was believed to be punished by the outraged Goddess with horrid tortures. One of the extraordinary characteristics of Thugges was the genuine faith of its votaries, and the fact that it was held by good men. The term "murder" as used by these was applied only to the slaying of a Thug or to the killing of any man more than by Thugges. One female, a woman of eloquence and polished manners, being asked by Sleeman whether she felt compunction in murdering innocent people, replied: "Does any man feel compunction in following his trade? And are not all our trades assigned to us by Providence?"

On being asked how many people he had killed, he replied: "I have killed none. Is any man killed from man's killing? Is it not the hand of God that kills him? Are we men, murderers? One female, a woman of eloquence and polished manners, being asked by Sleeman whether she felt compunction in murdering innocent people, replied: "Does any man feel compunction in following his trade? And are not all our trades assigned to us by Providence?"

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homo and strangle him single-handed. The families of these adepts were honoured for several generations. Nor were large rewards required to lead them to murder. One celebrated leader deposited that eight annas was a very good remuneration for murdering a man; they often strangled a victim, he said, who was suspected of having two pice.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

A Williams Bay, Wisconsin, telegram of the 19th ult. gives the following details of the latest scientific discovery. As it would be pity to condense the telegram, we give it in its original, somewhat florid style:—

Professor G. W. Ritchey, of Yerkes Observatory, has made a discovery of startling significance and importance in the history of the evolution of the universe. In effect, the brilliant astronomer has just finished observations which prove the truth of the celebrated nebular theory of creation announced by the famous Frenchman, La Place, and of the widely entertained belief that the solar system and even the star clusters have been formed by millions of years of slow evolution from great bodies of gaseous matter floating in inconceivable abysses of space.

Professor Ritchey's observations go even further than this. They go to show the truth of the theory of Herbert Spencer that the entire universe is passing through a state of evolution and dissolution; that the nebular gas itself is developed by mighty changes in the stars themselves; that stars are suddenly expanded by explosion, or otherwise, into enormous masses of this gas infinitely more tenuous than atmospheric air, and that this gas again contracts and is converted into suns like our own, with probably trains of attendant planets. In short, Professor Ritchey has proved the fact that the whole of the universe is passing through a state of evolution and dissolution, and that the changes are so rapid as to be observable within a few hours.

This is one of the greatest discoveries in the history of astronomy, and Professor Ritchey alone deserves all the credit. It is the first work of absolutely great magnitude done at the big Yerkes Observatory, and it will insure to Professor Ritchey a foremost place among the world-renowned men of science.

The celestial object upon which Professor Ritchey has made his observations is a mysterious star, Nova of Perseus, which suddenly appeared last February in the northern sky, blinding with strong light in a place where there had been no star before. Its light rapidly increased until it became a star of first magnitude. Then it gradually faded away, until now it is only of sixteenth magnitude.

Astronomers at last settled upon the theory that the new light had been caused by a tremendous explosion proportionate in size to the size of the star. This latter theory is now borne out by Professor Ritchey's observations.

On the night of 2 September 20th Professor Ritchey photographed Nova of Perseus by means of the twenty-four-inch reflector at the Yerkes Observatory. The negative disclosed the fact that the star was surrounded by nebula—a fact which had been previously shown by no other observer. But on the plate made by Professor Ritchey there were two fairly dense wisps of nebulosity towards the west, with a core to the north, merging into the nebulosity of the star. This is a startling fact, but Professor Ritchey patiently waited for a favourable night to secure another negative. The looked for opportunity came last Wednesday night, November 13th.

The plate of September 20th had been exposed three hours and fifty minutes. On Wednesday night for seven hours he exposed his plate to the light of the mysterious star. When he looked at the negative he observed a fact in which he at once recognized the proof so long sought and so ardently wished for by observers everywhere. The spots of density in the west field of the nebula had moved. Never before had this amazing fact been found, and Professor Ritchey, who at once saw the immeasurable importance of the marvellous discovery he had made, was gratified beyond words with the unqualified success with which his patience and perseverance, as well as his daring and original concept on, had been rewarded.

The conclusions which follow from this truly epoch-making discovery are stupendous. They lead to positive knowledge that in unpenetrable vast gulfs of space nature is slowly moulding suns and planets and solar systems and star clusters; that nebulae are converted into suns, and suns into nebulae; that catastrophes involving unthinkable quantities of matter are by no means rare in the infinite womb of space, and that out of chaos and confusion thus produced order and symmetry emerge after ages of evolution.

Professor Ritchey's discovery is destined to make as much stir in every quarter of the learned world as did the announcement by La Place of the magnificent nebular theory which bears his name, for Professor Ritchey's discovery is nothing less than an actual proof of the fact that the structure of nebulae is subject to observable change—the one fact of celestial mechanics proof of which has been most ardently desired.

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INTIMATIONS

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE BEEN FAVOURED WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY).

THE 28th DECEMBER INSTANT, AT 11 A.M., THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT OF

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S JEWELLRY.

Part of which was sold by Auction, on Saturday, the 14th instant.

A FEW LOTS WILL HAVE AN UPSET PRICE MARKED AT A VERY LOW FIGURE WHICH WILL BE STATED AT THE SALE; WITH THIS EXCEPTION THE WHOLE WILL BE SOLD ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

THE LOTS COMPRISE—

DIAMOND, OPAL, AND CORAL NECKLACES, WATCHES, LADIES' LONG CHAINS, PENDANTS, BROOCHES, EAR RINGS, ELEVEN LINKS RINGS SET WITH PRECIOUS STONES, SCARF PINS, &c. &c. Setting of English and Chinese Workmanship (the English settings being of Solid Gold, Hall marked 15 and 18 Carats); ALSO

A Large and Choice Selection of UNSET DIAMONDS of Perfect Cut, RUBIES, OPALS and other PRECIOUS STONES ranging from 3 to 49 Carats each, which will be sold by the Carat.

This Collection is not Locally Owned, but consists exclusively of Jewellery, &c., selected at home for the Philippine market, but owing to the excessive import duties recently imposed in Manila, the consignee has decided to stop the consignment and realise by Public Auction here, which will enable the Hongkong Community to obtain high-class selections at much under retail prices.

On View from Friday, the 27th instant.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, AUCTIONEERS.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901.

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NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO.

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HECTOR W. SAMPSON,

H. HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901.

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A BOON TO HONGKONG RESIDENTS

MONSTER CASH CHEAP SALE

TO BE HELD

ON THE 3rd UP TO 10th JANUARY NEXT,

AND COMPRISING

UNSET DIAMONDS, JEWELLERY AND WATCHES

AT RIDICULOUS BARGAIN PRICES, VIZ.—

LADIES' WATCHES, 14 CARAT GOLD ... \$12.00

GENTLEMEN'S WATCHES, 14 CARAT GOLD ... \$25.00

LADIES' WATCH CHAINS, 14 CARAT GOLD, from ... \$18.00

BRACELETS, SOLID GOLD, 18 CARAT, from ... \$40.00

DIAMOND RINGS ... from \$25.00 to \$200.00 &c.

The Goods are partly Surplus Stock from our Manila, Iloilo, Shanghai, Hankow and Vladivostok Branches, and indeed any purchasers have therefore a fine opportunity to select a reliable Article for a most reasonable price.

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THE IMPERIAL ROYAL COURT OF AUSTRIA.

THE IMPERIAL COURT OF RUSSIA.

SOLE AGENTS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 27th December, at 5.30 for 8 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1901. [331]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

ON SATURDAY, the 28th December, commencing at 2.15 p.m. there will be a Handicap Sweepstakes of 50 Cents each, and \$30 added, 3 prizes, the highest net score to receive a Gold Maltose Cress. Handicaps will be revised prior to the competition.

ALEX. MAKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1901. [91]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"STENTOR" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 28th instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. Goods undelivered after the 1st January, 1902, will be subject to rent. All damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 2nd January, 1902. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1901. [15]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH"

OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. Captain R. Holst, due here with the outward German Mail about the 30th instant, will leave for the above places about 24 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1901. [9]

CHRISTMAS 1901.

THE undersigned is now prepared to supply

CHRISTMAS CAKES

of the best quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 20 lbs., and also Mince Pies, Assorted Cakes, &c. &c.

DORABJEE NOWROJEE, Hongkong Bakery, 51, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1901. [3123]

NOTICE.

A MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held at the Magistracy, at 2.30 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 31st day of December, 1901, for the purpose of considering the following application:

From one ANTONIO FONSECA for the transfer of his Adjunct Licence to sell and retail intoxicating Liquors on the premises situated at No. 13, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of "The Connaught House" to one JOHN H. WAINWRIGHT.

F. A. HAZELAND, Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 16th December, 1901. [3280]

OWNERS OF HOUSES

situated in the Western Division of the City of Victoria who have not had their Premises LIME-WASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law are reminded that the period during which this work should be finished ends on the 31st day of December, 1901, and the Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to STAMP OUT PLAGUE, is determined to RIGOROUSLY PROSECUTE any Owner in default after the above named date.

By Order of the Board,

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, 1st December, 1901.

Note: The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Morrison and East Streets.

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Hongkong, 8th November, 1901. [2945]

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MONUMENTS.

DESIGNS & PRICES ON APPLICATION

at No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong

Hongkong, 17th October, 1899. [264]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

SPECIAL HOME RETURN TICKETS.

FROM the 1st January, 1902, we will issue SPECIAL HOME RETURN TICKETS available for two years (from date of departure to date of arrival on return) for one and one half fare.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN, Acting Agent.

Messageries Maritimes Cie.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1901. [3301]

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VESSEL

"YOSHIOE MARU"

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Belonging to the Undersigned.

AS SHE LIES NOW IN KISUKAWA, OSAKA.

PARTICULARS of the VESSEL.—Wood

hall; gross tonnage, 365.93 tons; regis-

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in 1876, and fully repaired in 1899; length 130

feet; breadth, 25 feet 6 inches; depth, 14 feet;

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The Barge can be inspected at any time.

The SALE will be made for CASH, payable

on transfer of the vessel. All Transfer Fees to be

paid by Purchaser.

The Undersigned retain the right of accept-

ing or refusing any or all of the Tenders.

TENDERS will be received until 31st

JANUARY, 1902, and decided on the 5th

FEBRUARY, 1902.

N.B.—These particulars are presumed to be

correct, but are not guaranteed.

For further information, apply to

S. OYA,

Saisai-cho, 2-chome, Osaka.

Telephone: Nishi, No. 333.

Osaka, 10th December, 1901. [3298]

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the undersigned

Banks will be CLOSED for the transaction of

Public Business on WEDNESDAY and

THURSDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1902.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

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T. P. COCHRANE,

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Hongkong Agency.

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Manager.

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E. W. RUTTER,

Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

H. SCHOTTLENDER,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3277]

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

HOLIDAYS.

THE Undersigned Insurance Offices

will be CLOSED for the transaction of

Public Business on WEDNESDAY and

THURSDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1902.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

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For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

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Secretary.

For the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.,

LIMITED.

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Agent.

For the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE

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W. H. RAY,

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For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCI-

ATION, LIMITED.

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Agents.

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GEO. L. TOMLIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3278]

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Hongkong, 20th November, 1901. [2952]

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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

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TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),

the 28th DECEMBER, 1901, at 2.30 p.m., at his

SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street.

EIGHTY PIECES OF VERY FINE

IVORY CARVINGS.

Also

A Quantity of JAPANESE PORCELAIN

WARE,

Comprising—

TEA SETS, DESSERT SETS, COFFEE

CUPS and SAUCERS, TEA POTS,

PLATES, VASES, JARDINIERS and

STANDS, &c., &c.;

and

A Few Pieces of CANTON BLACKWOOD

FURNITURE.

On View from Friday, the 27th December.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901. [3271]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

from LIEUT. HENRIET, A.P.D., to sell by

Public Auction.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),

the 28th DECEMBER, at 2.30 p.m., No. 1,

LYTEWOOD VILLAS, Kowloon,

THE WHOLE of HIS

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising—

Double and Single IRON BESTEADS

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TEAKWOOD OVERMANTEL, DINNER

SERVICE, RUGS, TEAKWOOD DIN-

ING TABLE and CHAIRS, BOOKCASE,

SIDEBOARD &c., &c.;

Also

One COTTAGE PIANO by W. Robinson

& Co.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1901. [3304]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

from the Administrator of the Estate of

Mr. J. J. FRANCIS, K.C. (deceased), to sell by

Public Auction.

on

MONDAY,

the 29th DECEMBER, 1901, at 11 a.m., at his

OFFICES, No. 4, Des Voeux Road.

A Large Number of HISTORICAL,

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TIONAL, MILITARY, NAVAL,

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SPORT AND ANECDOTE.

BY AN OLD FOGET.

A FOOTBALL SENSATION.

The directors of the Everton Association Football Club have never been niggardly in the salaries they have paid their professionals. So far as they have been able they have secured the most accomplished men, for to borrow a phrase from the man in the street, money has been "no object." And yet I fear that since the League was founded Everton have had a comparatively poor return for their enormous outlays. Once they have been the champions of the League, but that is so long as ten years ago. Since then a young generation has sprung into manhood, and these wide-souled enthusiasts are wondering when Everton are to be styled champions, for they lack nothing of victories won a decade since. They cheer the present players and they live in this hour. Are the Evertonians to wait the highest honours from their near neighbours—Liverpool—for only a quarter of an hour's walk across Stanley Park divides the headquarters of the rival camps. One is driven to think of these things by the remarkable triumph which Everton gained last Saturday when they beat Sunderland on their home ground by four goals to two. The Sunderland club have met Everton more times than any other team, but never till the close of last week had a clean sheet from Goodison Park ever won a match at Roker Park. The team have met on 31 occasions and so evenly balanced have they proved in half the matches that only a goal has separated the teams. All the same Sunderland have had the satisfaction of winning 17 games to 9 for Everton. Thus all things considered, the combination captained by Tom Booth can plume themselves upon a great achievement and upon upstaging Sunderland at the top of the table. Can the Dark Blues from the Mersey city stay there?

SINCE the commencement of the campaign Everton have shown really excellent form, winning their matches as a series. They began by administering a defeat to Manchester City, but not until an hour had elapsed did they break down the defence of the Manchester men. In their next engagement with Wolverhampton Wanderers their centre Toman fractured a leg and is not likely to be seen on the field again this season. Such an accident might have upset any team, especially as the Everton wing men afterwards resorted to astonishing tactics. But Everton played like men possessed of a passion for goals, and they won by no fewer than 6-1, the half-dozen being equally divided between James Settle and John D. Taylor. The latter hard-working little fellow surprised himself that he has never been able to score since. Drawn battles with Liverpool, Newcastle and Aston Villa followed. The tussle with Liverpool was magnificent, and Everton were decidedly lucky to finish on equal terms, for one of their goals was the result of the ball canning from the foot of Sharp when he knew very little about the affair. The goal was more the result of accident than design. After opening October by beating Sheffield United the Evertonians sustained their first reverse on October 12th, when Nottingham Forest reduced any growing self-conceit by a four goals to none victory. This disaster led to the resignation of the Everton custodian Muir to the ranks of the reserves. Bury were playing a remarkably fine game last month, and they drew at Goodison Park with a record of one goal each, but then the Blackburn Rovers surprised themselves and their best friends by extinguishing Everton by three to one. During November the Goodison Park club have never lost a match, and have on succeeding Saturdays secured two points each at the expense of Stoke, Grimsby, and Sunderland. In all they have gained six points on the grounds of their opponents, a measure of success which curiously enough is only equalled by Liverpool, their great friends over the way. So far as one can tell at present the championship of the League seems very open, but I would as lief make a choice of Everton as any other club for the honour.

THE EVERTON ELEVEN.

Who constitute the Everton eleven? The splendid consistency of Muir who missed one match in 1898-99, two in 1899-90 and none in 1900-01, has kept the goalkeeper G. W. Kitchen very considerably in the background, for he left the Buxton club in May, 1898, and prior to October 12th of this season he had enjoyed three opportunities of showing his skill. Although Burton-born he gained most of his experience with Stockport County. Standing 5ft. 6in. and weighing 135 lb., he has every physical quality, and what is more important, an equable mental temperament. He keeps his charge excellently, and is well protected by Balmer and Eccles, the latter of whom has displaced the Dundonian, J. Watson, who played left back. Now Balmer is a full back Everton have reason to be proud of, as they took him from Alnwick Church and trained him. He has rather a taking action, and a very sure kick in almost any position with either foot. A meter of 5ft. 8in. and weighing 125 lb., he is sturdy, and if he makes a mistake a determined worker until he has recovered himself. I have always liked Balmer since the first day I saw him; and although he has played for the League I hope that he will yet gain his cap for England. A Staffordshire man by birth and training, G. S. Eccles is, like Balmer, a back who can play on either side of goal. Although taller than Balmer, he is lighter, but that little matter of pounds in no way detracts from his tackling—and I should say that as a pair Balmer and Eccles are very difficult to pass, and neither of these ever knows when he is beaten. The captain of Everton, Tom Booth, is really a Manchester youth, some twenty-six years of age. Debonair and dashing, he is 5ft. 10in. and 125 lb. in weight. Booth is a man of mood, and when at his best is a

really clever but unobtrusive half-back. There is no slow about his work, but he is essentially a clubman, and not self-assertive enough in a representative team ever to make a great name. For instance he played for England against Wales at Wrexham in 1899, but he seemed unnerfed in strange company, did not play for all he was worth, and lost his chances of more international caps. And yet Tom Booth is neat and effective, both in breaking up combination and placing to his forwards. On his left is Abbott, another weighty customer, for, although 5ft. 9in., he does not look it owing to carrying about 125 lb. Raddy-faced, healthy and strong, Abbott, who is only 23, is full of football of vigorous but not unfair kind. Formerly he was a Small Heath forward, and in 1898-99 was at the head of the goal-scoring in the Second Division. He gives the left wing in front of him every chance, and worries the other fellows. S. Woldenholme, who hails from one of the numerous villages round Bolton which seem so fruitful of players, is a tremendous worker at tight half-back. His motto is "Nil desperandum." This sort of men is very useful. The forward line of Everton has undergone several changes, but despite temporary deficiencies of form the attacking line includes some "star" artists. One of the cleverest forwards playing now, despite his 31 years, is John W. Bell, the tall, black-haired man from Dumbarton, who has been one of the heroes of both Scottish and English football. His display for Scotland against England at the Crystal Palace in the Diamond Jubilee year was only equalled by his magnificent skill on behalf of Everton in the final for the English Cup at the same rendezvous in the same season. A brilliant dribbler, with a fine turn of speed, he can play on either wing. Very clever in evading his antagonists, he passes to a nicely, makes fast swinging middles, and scores with half a chance. Bell is not done with yet, but unfortunately he has no understudy for this position as outside left. It is somewhat curious that his partner, James Settle, should be the inside left against Scotland at Birmingham in 1899, so that this wing is simply an international partnership. Settle, who is a Cumberland by birth, is nearly five inches smaller than Bell, but he is a rare bantam and a game bird, if ever there was one. Although born at Milson, he has learned his football in Lancashire with Bolton Wanderers and Bury, the latter of whom sold him to Everton for £4.00. Nobody has scored so many goals in the First Division as Settle, and on his day he is certainly a very clever forward. He is quite conscious of his own worth. Everton have tried several centres but are at present astoundingly cultivating Alexander Young, who is a smart youth. Born at Slamanham in 1880, he is 5ft. 6in. and weighs 11 stones, so that he has physique for his trying post. He graduated with Paisley S. Mirren, and left Falkirk for Everton at the close of last season. There are the makings of a centre in this youth. During the absence of John D. Taylor the dashing Dumbarton forward, who is such a spirited worker on the right, John Proudfoot, another Scot, is acting as inside "feeder" to Jack Sharp. Although only 5ft. 6in. Proudfoot, who, like Tom Booth, was once a Blackburn Rover, scales 125 lb. This stolid Glaswegian is a worker, dribbles and passes well, and is a good shot. Unfortunately he is a little slow for such a flyer as Jack Sharp, the Harvard youth and the Lancashire cricketer. Sharp with his bright, laughing face simply exudes health. Only 23 5ft. 6in. and 115 lb., it will be seen that he has youth and strength to recommend him. Moreover, he is very fast on the ball and centres either from the touch line or the corner flag in very accurate style—and it is just that kind of centring that tells a tale. He is, too, a capital shot, although only three goals stand directly to his credit this season, namely, one each against Liverpool, Stoke and Sunderland. The only fault about Sharp is that he does not care to bustle the opposing backs. Probably thinking of his cricketing career, he believes in giving them plenty of room. From this sketch it will be seen that there is not a shirker in the Everton eleven, that they are mostly young and blessed with speed and weight, and above all that they are a clever combination. As they are an easy lot to train, for some of the men do not vary a pound in weight year in year out, they ought to make a bold bid for the championship. They certainly gained the most sensational victory last Saturday.

WONDERFUL SWIMMER.

Some time since it was announced in this column that the euc swimming organisation, Manchester Osbornes, intended to accord a benefit to Joey Nuttall, who, first as an amateur and then as a professional, has proved himself such a grand exponent of the art of notation. Moreover, Nuttall has always conducted himself as a man should, and this is a point which must never be overlooked, for there is no controlling body over professional swimmers. However, a man makes his own position and reputation in this world as a rule, and Nuttall has every reason to be proud of both his records. The great event of the evening was the double breaking of the 1,000 yards bath record of Joey Nuttall. The figures stood at 13mins. 53secs. and were established in 1899 at Lambeth Baths, which are 44 yards long. First of all J. A. Jarvis entered the Osborne Bath, which measures 39 yards, and endeavoured to smash these figures. He succeeded beyond the expectations of the multitude, for he completed the distance in 13mins. 32.3secs. Taking the time at the end of each two lengths of the bath, he progressed as will be seen below:

	2	4	6	8	10
1st	57s.	1m. 58s.	3m. 14s.	4m. 44s.	5m. 52s.
2nd	12	14	16	18	20
3rd	6m. 12s.	7m. 16s.	8m. 20s.	9m. 5s.	10m. 20s.
4th	22	24	26	28	30
5th	11m. 35s.	12m. 42s.	13m. 32.3s.		

From this it will be easy to note the wonderful regularity of his swimming and the absolute certainty to which he has reduced record-making. These figures have never been published before, and must attract the attention of those interested in swimming. About an hour later Nuttall entered the water with the intention of beating the record Jarvis had just set up, but he failed to do so by 3.35 secs. His pace and where he failed can be seen from a corresponding table:

	2	4	6	8	10
1st	57s.	1m. 58s.	3m. 14s.	4m. 44s.	5m. 52s.
2nd	12	14	16	18	20
3rd	6m. 12s.	7m. 16s.	8m. 20s.	9m. 26s.	10m. 32s.
4th	22	24	26	28	30
5th	11m. 37s.	12m. 45s.	13m. 36.1s.		

Thus it will be seen that Nuttall began slower, but, increasing his speed, he was half a second inside Jarvis's figures at eight lengths, and level with him for nearly the half distance (500 yards), but after that he unmistakably lost time, and could never regain his leeway. The contrast in style between the two men was great, although both used the over-arm stroke. Jarvis swims on his left side and makes a noise like a little steamer ploughing through the water. On the other hand, Nuttall is on his right side, and his action is so noiseless that if he had gone slower and the lights had been lowered it would have been impossible to tell that anyone was swimming at all. Nuttall has for long enough been the trainer of Jarvis, and it was quite a unique study in sportsmanship to see Jarvis standing by the bath cheering Nuttall and urging him to greater exertions to beat the record which had just been made by himself. But Nuttall did not keep such a perfectly straight course as Jarvis, who was well served by his age. As boxers say, nobody bates a good old hand but a good young hand. This is the secret of it all, but even so Nuttall has proved conclusively that he is a much faster swimmer in 1901 than he was in 1899. This shows how he has preserved his power and his physique.

THE BILLIARD SEASON.

H. W. Stevenson, the new billiard champion continues to show brilliant form, and it is marvellous to note the average he frequently makes in both long and short games. His average per stroke is seldom less than 30, and is occasionally as high as 80. "Twas but the other day he made over 1,000 points in twelve attempts. He has several times exceeded 300 lately at a break, and when one reads of the compilations of these professionals, for the spot-barred push-barred record is now 722 in one hand, I cannot help thinking over and over again of the great disparity between amateurs and professionals at this game. Why, the greatest break in the amateur championship is only 108. This is one of the games in which the amateur is hopelessly outclassed. It is not so in swimming, football or cricket.

London, 23rd November.

A GREAT UNRECORDED CLIMB.

The vast, solemn woods of unbroken rocks known as the Natural Bridge, Virginia, was once the scene of Elihu Burritt's immortal "One-Niche the Highest." The prose poem is known to all English people. How a strapping of spare years out his way upwards, niche by niche, in the face of the living rock. How, in the end, his life falls ringing at his agonised parents' feet: his head rots; his eyes start; and with a last convulsive effort his arm drops into the welcome noose. He is saved! Similarly, here is a tale of a lad of 17, who climbed down. And then—when the expert watchers abandoned all hope—he climbed up, and was saved.

At 17 years, Ernest Spary, a healthy, strong youth, fell ill. Violent pains in the stomach assailed him, and that organ swelled. His appetite left him, and a nasty, dry, teasing cough tormented him. He had begun the descent. He took to his room. "For three months he was confined to his bed, until," his mother, Mrs. Spary, says, "he was reduced almost to a skeleton, and was so weak that he could not walk across the bedroom. A doctor rode five miles every week to see him, at 10/6 a visit, and said he was suffering from peritonitis and was going into consumption."

"I want you to hold that fact in your mind: 'The doctor said he had peritonitis and was going into consumption.'"

The disease developed into worse. Despite medical attentions, Ernest thinned down to a skeleton, and grew so emaciated that "his spine became curved." Then the doctor decided to pack him in a plaster of Paris jacket. In fact, he told Mr. Spary that his son was actually dying, and that hope was gone.

Mrs. Spary, in an extremity of desperation to save him, thought of Mother Seigel's Syrup, "which," she told us on November 18th, 1899, "we had used for years as a family medicine. The rapid descent was a family medicine. Ernest had receded from bright, good health to that dark approach known as 'No Hope.' Now for approaching daylight!"

"I tried the Syrup," writes Mrs. Spary, "and after the first dose Ernest said he thought he felt a little better. And little by little, niche by niche, he climbed upwards. 'In five days he was able to sit by the fire. One day, as he sat in his room, he was suddenly taken violently sick, and ejected a large quantity of m. tery fluid.'"

This protest of a strengthened stomach saved him. He said he felt that a weight had been removed from his right side, and, of course, partially digested food, acid fluids, and ulcerated matter are a dead weight.

He climbed up in grand style now, with the aid of S. Seigel's Syrup. The doctor came to pack him, but they couldn't pack a man whom they found upstanding. They examined him, instead.

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This is no account was given to me by Mrs. Spary, 1, Cottage, Newchurch West, near Chesham, on November 28th, 1899. There are, one might say, a thousand symptoms of dyspepsia; but I want to briefly examine this wonderful record.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1901. [342]

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GENERAL MEETING of the SHARE-

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at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1901.

The TRA-SFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on the 27th to 29th inst., both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1901. [317]

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1902, at 4 P.M., when the adjourned resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 18th December, 1901, will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution.

That the figures in Article No. 10, Clause 15 of the Articles of Association of the Company, be altered to read \$1,500 (Fifteen hundred dollars).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. P. MOFFITT,

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1901. [3287]

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LONDON	"PELUS"	On 21st January.
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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 30th December, 1901, at 1 p.m., the Company's Steamship "YARHA" Captain Nagai, with Mail, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. Polynesian which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails leaving that port on the 11th January, 1902, direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m.

Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 29th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1901.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG,"

Captain Donaldson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

McKENZIE, BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1901.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Screw Steamship

"KUMANO MARU"

3,873 Tons Gross, Captain E. W. Haswell, will be despatched for the above port on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at 4 p.m.

This new Mail Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior Accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Stowage carried.

For Freight and Passage, apply to

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1901.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"VALETTA"

Captain A. G. Cutler, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 4th January, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, PLYMOUTH AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VERICE and ALBANIAN PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE"

Captain Ballin, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 15th January, p.m.

The Steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers. Electric light. A Doctor is carried.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1901.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the CAPTAINS the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour.

OSBERG, British barque, Dansmora—ORDRE.

CARBOLINEUM-AYENARIUS

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Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot, and Damage.

Sole Agents for China

LUIGENS, EISENTHAL & CO.,

Hongkong, 31st August, 1897.

司公海角

HUNG CHAI & CO. WONGKOK.

YAUWAT.

MANUFACTURERS OF MOHAIK

BRICKS of all Colours and Designs.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1901.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO, HAMA KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1901.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SILEBIA,"

Captain Bahle, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY, the 21st inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SEATTLE, TACOMA, YOKO, HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Company's Steamship

"TEENKAI"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 27th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"LAISANG,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 27th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1901.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex s.s. Rome and Australia.

From Calcutta, ex s.s. Masatia.

From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. B. I. S. N. and B. P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 8 a.m. TO-MORROW.

Goods not cleared by the 28th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be received.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1901.

YEE SANG & CO.

COAL MERCHANTS,

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LARGE STOCKS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION OF COAL.

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JUST LANDED A NEW STOCK OF ELEY'S and KYNOC'S SPORTING CARTRIDGES and NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT.

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1902.

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WITH CHAMBER for 10 CARTRIDGES.

FIRING 10 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong 3rd October, 1900.

INSURANCES

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1887.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1900, £14,733,681.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000 0 0

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000 0 0

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 687,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS... £2,337,716 14 4

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1901.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

HOTZ, S. JACOB & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1900.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

